"What A Woman of Tomorrow Means to Me"

Have a Voice, Stand up, Be who you are! This should be the mantra for the "Woman of Tomorrow!"

A "Woman of Tomorrow" is willing to use her voice to benefit society. She should be an agent of change and will identify concerns within her community, and then find positive ways to make a difference. The "Woman of Tomorrow" is proactive and innovative in creating opportunities not only for herself but for other women too. The "Woman of Tomorrow" knows she has a duty to lift other women and support other women's goals. Lastly, a "Woman of Tomorrow" knows she must act as a role model for younger women.

I am working today to be a "Woman of Tomorrow." During my sophomore year, I realized that my school did not have a club for students of African descent to share and organize as a community. I co-founded the Richard Montgomery High School Black Student Union and the club began to meet every two weeks in the fall of my junior year. I have other leadership experiences including serving as the JJMCMC Teen President, Vice-President of the NAACP Youth Council, and the SGA Special Functions Coordinator. Through these experiences, I have learned how to listen and that much of leadership is meeting the needs of those you serve. I have learned that you have to pay attention to your team members' strengths and how to use your team's strengths to get things done. Lastly, I have learned that you have to collaborate with others to gain access to new skills and resources.

As a "Woman of Tomorrow," I want to continue to organize, build community, improve dialogue between different communities and work as a change agent when I see things that can be improved.

I, Jessica Holloway, affirm that this essay was written by me and represents my own original work

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